

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING)	
ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION OF)	CASE NO.
JOHNSON COUNTY GAS COMPANY)	2012-00140

ORDER

On April 11, 2012, Johnson County Gas Company ("Johnson County") tendered for filing an application for an adjustment of its rates for gas service pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, the Alternative Rate Filing ("ARF") procedure for small utilities. Pursuant to the ARF regulation, the application was based on Johnson County's most recent annual report, its annual report for calendar year 2011; however, the application was deficient. On August 10 and 29, 2012, Johnson County filed supplemental information which cured its filing deficiencies. Its application was accepted for filing as of the latter date.

Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), no change can be made by a utility in any rate except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. Thus, based on a filing date of August 29, 2012, the earliest date that Johnson County's new rates could become effective is September 27, 2012. Having reviewed Johnson County's application, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that the investigation cannot be completed by September 27, 2012. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for five months.

The Commission expects the parties to use their best efforts to informally resolve any discovery disputes or requests for extensions of time. Absent informal resolution, an objection or motion should be filed at least four business days prior to the established due date. If this deadline is not met, the filing party should include in the written objection or motion a full and complete explanation for such failure.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Johnson County's proposed rates are suspended for five months, up to and including February 26, 2013.

2. The procedural schedule set forth the Appendix shall be followed.

3. a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 10 copies to the Commission.

b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

4. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 paper copies.

5. Johnson County shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, Johnson County shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

6. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

7. Any objections or motions relating to discovery or procedural dates shall be filed upon four business days' notice or the filing party shall explain, in writing, why such notice was not possible.

8. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

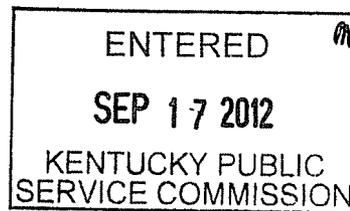
9. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

Commissioner Breathitt is abstaining from this proceeding.

ATTEST:


Executive Director



APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2012-00140 DATED **SEP 17 2012**

- All requests for information to Johnson County shall
be filed no later than 09/26/12
- Johnson County shall file responses to requests for
information no later than 10/10/12
- All supplemental requests for information to Johnson County
shall be filed no later than 10/24/12
- Johnson County shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than 11/08/12
- Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared
form shall be filed no later than 11/22/12
- All requests for information to Intervenors shall
be filed no later than 12/07/12
- Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than 12/21/12
- Last day for Johnson County to publish notice of hearing To be scheduled
- Public Hearing to be held in Hearing Room 1
of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard,
Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination
of witnesses of Johnson County and Intervenors To be scheduled
- Simultaneous Briefs, if any, are to be filed To be scheduled

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